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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Temperatures averaged a little above normal in the east and near normal in the central and west, with very warm weather at the beginning and close of the week, and cold in the middle. A hard freeze occurred Friday morning over most of the north-western half of the state. Moderate rains fell in the extreme east Monday, but there was no precipitation of consequence elsewhere. Most days were sunny, humidity was generally low, and several days were windy.

CROPS Continued ideal ripening weather was favorable for starting corn and sorghum grain harvest on a broad scale. Harvest of these crops was fairly general in the central and northern parts of the state and gaining momentum elsewhere. Early returns include phenomenal yields for both corn and milo. Farmers with mechanical drying equipment have been making rapid progress with their harvest, but moisture content of both corn and sorghums is fast approaching a safe storage point. Harvest operations should reach a peak within the next week or so, if weather permits.

At the end of last week, about 85 percent of the corn crop was reported in the mature stage. The remaining 15 percent was in the hard dent stage. Some sections in the southern part of the state would welcome a hard frost to aid drying and harvest.

High winds last week caused some ears to drop in fields damaged by corn borers. The milo crop was standing up well in contrast with the widespread lodging which occurred last year. Some light, chaffy corn is found in extreme northern sections which missed the August and September rains. In general, however, ears are long, well-filled and heavy this year.

Nearly all of the winter wheat crop is planted. Dry surface soil conditions resulted in some delay in seeding in the central and south central counties. In some parts, stands are uneven due to failure of some seed to sprout or due to varied germination. Except for the southeastern part of the state, wheat and other fall seedings as well as pastures, need a good general rain to replenish exhausted surface moisture. Some ranges need rain to soften cured grass or remove dust and reduce the fire hazard.

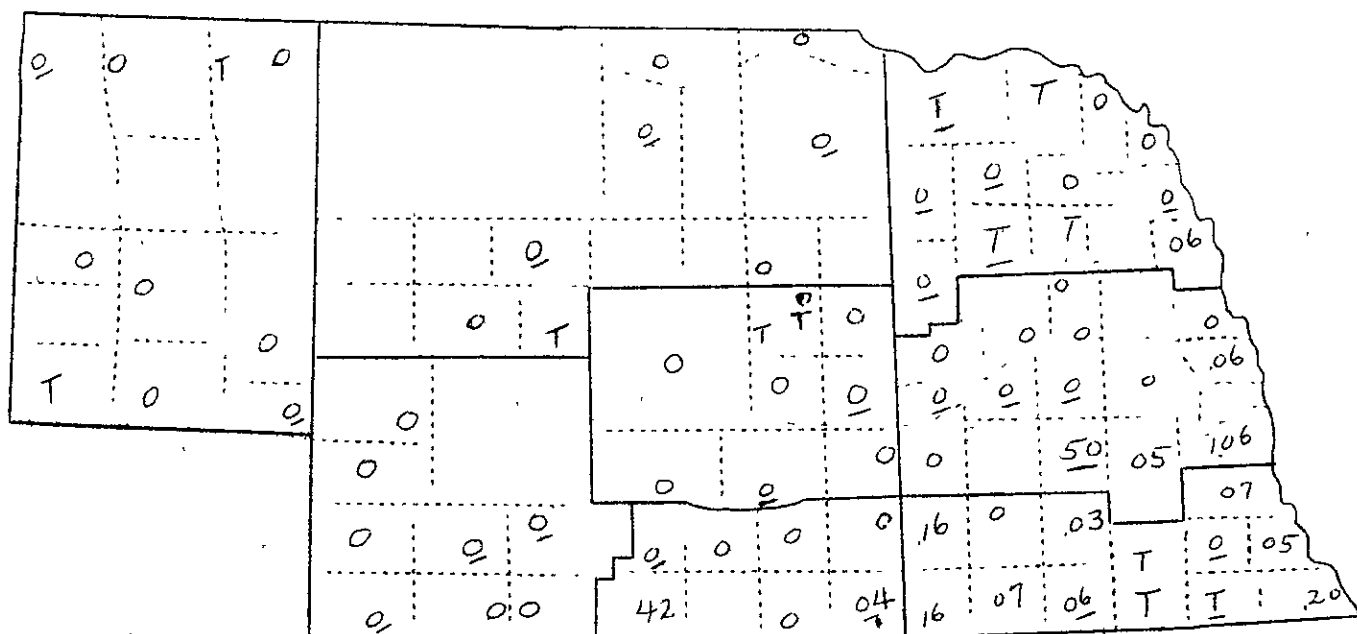
LIVESTOCK Sales of feeder cattle and calves continue to increase seasonally. While some feeders are reluctant to buy at current prices, local sales are well attended and offerings have been moving at attractive prices to producers. The movement of feeder cattle and calves into the state from Omaha in early October exceeded the total for the corresponding period a year ago.

Cattle on feed are making good gains. Production rates for milk and eggs are running above a year ago, although total production is on a lower level.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 10, 1958

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	0	Burwell	0	Chadron	0
Lincoln	.05	North Platte	0	Imperial	0
Norfolk	0	Valentine	0	Scottsbluff	0
Omaha	.06			Sidney	0
Sioux City	0				

PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING 11/20



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:30 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:30 a.m. CST)

		Oct.													
		7th		8th		9th		10th		11th		12th		13th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	83	35	77	35	70	47	53	22	68	30	74	39	87	41
	Scottsbluff	85	41	78	50	73	46	52	25	71	37	78	42	85	41
	Sidney	83	36	79	49	79	39	56	22	68	35	75	38	82	42
NC	Burwell	--	--	--	--	80	48	61	27	64	33	78	45	84	51
	Valentine	91	40	82	47	72	43	56	23	62	33	63	39	90	42
NE	Norfolk	84	61	80	55	75	51	66	35	59	31	65	43	81	55
	Sioux City	84	64	80	55	70	47	64	38	57	33	--	--	80	54
Cen	Grand Island	80	57	82	49	81	53	65	31	63	36	76	50	81	55
EC	Lincoln	74	64	81	59	82	58	67	39	63	41	73	55	79	54
	Omaha	75	64	77	57	75	53	65	36	58	36	64	49	78	53
SW	Imperial	76	42	87	42	84	46	68	25	72	41	79	43	84	43
	North Platte	76	39	85	42	81	43	61	25	68	39	78	48	83	48

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